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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on January 16, 2002 and March 18, 2002, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a French Search Report dated January 24, 2003, for French Application No. FR 0113366, to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,767,939 to KOMATSU et al., which issued on June 16, 1998;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,550,600 to UENO, which issued on August 27, 1996;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,083,859 to JALIE, which issued on January 28, 1992;
- (4) International Publication No. WO 99/23526, which was published on May 14, 1999;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 3,960,442 to DAVIS et al., which issued on June 1, 1976; and

(6) European Patent Application No. EP 0 053 780, which was published on June 16, 1982, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The category of relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the French Search Report. Applicant also notes that documents (1), (3) and (4) were previously submitted with Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on January 16, 2002 or March 18, 2002, and thus, copies of the same are not attached hereto.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents (except documents (1), (3) and (4)) are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Further, the patent documents are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-0089 any amount

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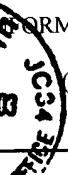
necessary to ensure consideration to the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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		1	English Language Abstract of EP 0053780.												
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